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Director's Meeting

Thursday, 15 May 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Becker, Hedden, Jackson, Earman

HR70-14

Mr. Dulles:

a. Stated that he had talked with Mr. Staats concerning the Bureau of the Budget's proposed "directive" on PSB and asked the Director if he wished to discuss this matter with Staats. The DCI said he was to see Mr. Lawton this afternoon and might possibly discuss this with him. Mr. Wisner noted that he had learned last night that this whole problem had taken somewhat of a turn and (1) State now appears to be on our side; (2) George Schwarzwald of Budget had reportedly rewritten the original proposed budget directive and intended to send this rewrite to the President direct. After some discussion, the Director stated (1) we would continue to follow the course of action outlined at yesterday's Deputies' Meeting; (2) we had been asked for comments from the Bureau of the Budget on the directive in question and would make them; (3) it would be desirable if the comments of the members of PSB could be made collectively rather than individually.

b. Noted that Majority Leader McCormack had indicated in a conversation with Mr. Pforzheimer that he (McCormack) was well pleased with the results of the Congressional Committee appointed to investigate the Katyn Forest Massacre and asked what our views might be toward the appointment of a similar committee to investigate "North Korean atrocities." The Director stated that "we should have no interest in this matter."

c. Noted that the Director might possibly receive a call from Mr. David Lloyd of the White House requesting a representative of CIA to testify before the House Committee on the new defector immigration bill.

Mr. Wisner:

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b. Noted that Le Monde was under heavy fire as a result of giving such wide publicity to "the alleged Fechteler statement" [REDACTED]

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Mr. Wisner (Cont'd.)

c. Stated that while Mr. Hunt was Chief [redacted] one of his best contacts was a [redacted] and [redacted] was now asking to see Hunt in connection with the PTC report on Middle East oil. The Director stated there was no objection to Hunt seeing [redacted] however, neither he nor any of our people would discuss this matter with individuals outside of the Agency.

Mr. Hedden:

a. Noted that Tommy Corcoran was attempting to see Ganza Paz through Mike Cowles, Publisher of LOOK Magazine, concerning certain publishing activities in France. After some discussion, the Director stated he would call Cowles and ask him to facilitate this appointment. (NOTE: DCI did speak to Cowles after the meeting.)

Mr. Jackson:

a. Raised the question of the CIA History and noted that Dr. Darling's year's leave of absence from Andover was about up. After some discussion, the Director stated that (1) he desired a dispassionate chronological type history; (2) Sherman Kent should be asked for his views on this matter; (3) if Darling was not the man to do this, we should get someone else and in this connection mentioned S. L. A. Marshall, who had written a history of SHAEF. In this connection, Mr. Wisner noted that Dr. Lilly of the Department of Defense had prepared an excellent history on psychological warfare activities and undertook to get a copy of this for the Director. Mr. Becker undertook to speak to Dr. Kent concerning (2) above.

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